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ULTRA FINE GRAIN STEEL HAVING  
NITRIDE LAYER

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution, please amend the present application as follows: